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For : MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM



Group Art Unit: 2861

Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 4,993,792 to MINOURA, issued on February 19, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,191,463 to MINOURA, issued on March 2, 1993;

U.S. Patent No. 5,646,767 to IIMA et al., issued on July 8, 1997; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-346553, published on December 27, 1993, together with an English language translation of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translation. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-

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1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

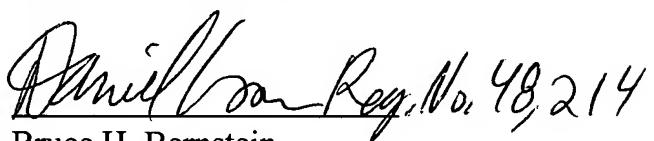
Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/623,692 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on July 22, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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